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State Population Rapidly Changes

Native Born are Giving Way to Foreign—Birth Rate Shows it Materially—Statistics from State Report

The annual report just issued by the bureau of vital statistics for Connecticut, which covers the calendar year of 1908, reveals with striking clearness the extent to which this state has become a foreign community. Study the tabulations concerning births shows that the native stock of the commonwealth is being overtaken and by the superior numbers of the invading races from over sea.

In its Connecticut round the state for the year 1908, the population is substantially stationary, but the foreign ratio expands steadily.

Decline of American Births.

Of the 26,694 births which took place in the state in 1908, the number of cases in which both parents were foreign born footed up 14,130, establishing a new high record. The percentage of foreign birth during the last decade has increased from 41.7 to 52.9. Meanwhile the ratio of births when both parents were native born has undergone an irregular decline. While in 1898 the births from American parents represented 40.4 per cent. of the total number of births, those for 1908 constituted only 34.4 per cent. of the whole body of birth returns.

In other words the percentage of purely American births in Connecticut suffered a shrinkage of 6 per cent. during the ten year period, while the ratio of purely foreign births mounted 11.5 per cent. The percentage of births when one parent is returned as foreign born was 12.3 in 1908, while in 1898, of the cases the nationality of the fathers and mothers was not given.

New Haven county immigrants continued to be the most aggressive opponents of race suicide, for 60.6 per cent. of the contributions to the infant population of the county during the decade were credited to foreign fathers and mothers. In Hartford county, which battles with manufacturing communities, 54.9 per cent. of the parents were born under alien flags. Middlesex county, in which 51.7 per cent. of the parents were foreign born, stood third, while in Fairfield county, in which the great factory town of Bridgeport and such hatching centers as Danbury, Bethel and the two Norwalks are located, the percentage of foreign births ran up to 50.3 per cent. In Windham county, where plough and fall are important instruments of livelihood, the ratio of foreign born parents dropped to the lowest point, the percentage being 34.4.

Distribution by Races.

Impressive is the supremacy which immigrant Italians have established in the birth statistics. Of the 14,130 Connecticut born children of foreign born parents in 1908, 4,421 were of Italian origin. During the decade between 1899 and 1908 the number of Italian births nearly quadrupled Russian born parents, the bulk of these children contributed 364 units to the census of Connecticut during 1908, while the record for the year 1898 was only 924.

The dwindling part which Irish immigrants are playing in the birth statistics of the commonwealth is notable. In 1898 the Irish with Irish heritage numbered 1,318 and exceeded those of any other foreign nationality, but in 1908 the number had shrunk to 1,267 and Irish births were third on the list. For many years the immigrants from Ireland poured into Connecticut in large numbers and exercised a great influence on the character of the population of the state, but in the last decade there has been a marked falling off.

The Latin contribution to the birth tables of the state during 1908 was greater than the total number of births in the four counties of Litchfield, Middlesex and Tolland combined. Slightly over 50 per cent. of the births of parents born in Italy took place in New Haven county, while 2,202 Italian births during 1908 are credited to New Haven county. Hartford county is a poor second with a total of 324, and Fairfield county next with

a record of 252. The Latin immigrants have little use for Windham county, for the stork called on only 22 households in the course of the twelve months.

The Slav Element.

The Slav and allied races are making great and growing additions to the foreign population of the state. The number of births from Polish parents bounded up from 208 in 1899 to 394 in 1908; those from Hungarian parents from 337 to 432, and those from Austrian parents from 339 to 415. These races are beginning to figure prominently on the payroll of Connecticut factories and therefore also raising crops and families on worn out farms on which Yankees find it difficult to get a decent living.

The Hungarians are largely assembled in Fairfield county and 75 per cent. of the Hungarian births of the state during 1908 took place in that corner of the commonwealth. Fairfield county also attracts more Austrians than any other, although largely outnumbered by them in Hartford and New Haven counties.

Of the 2,364 children born of Russian parents in Connecticut during 1908, nearly 1,000 uttered their first cries in New Haven county, and 637 of them resorted to Hartford county. Russian immigrants turn up their noses at Windham county, and only 16 Russian births occurred in that northeastern county in 1908.

Some Waning Figures.

Germany joins Ireland in showing a waning emigration to Connecticut. In 1898 the births from German parents amounted to 961 and exceeded by no over sea races except the Irish and the Italians, but in 1908 the figure had dipped to 611, most of these being confined to Hartford and Litchfield counties.

The Canadian element, which constitutes a large proportion of the operatives in the textile industries in the eastern part of Connecticut, is disclosing tendencies toward contraction. The number of birth returns returned by Canadian born parents sagged from 839 in 1899 to 611 in 1908. More of the third of these being confined to Hartford county, where cotton mill villages are numerous.

Naturally the infusion of fresh foreign blood into Connecticut is most pronounced in the populous centers. In the case of only 21 per cent. of the births in the city of Ansonia during 1908 were both parents American born; in Bridgeport only 25 per cent. in Derby only 16 per cent. In Hartford only 34 per cent. In Meriden only 27 per cent. In Middletown only 31 per cent. In New Britain only 22 per cent. In New Haven only 25 per cent. In Norwich only 31 per cent. In Stamford only 34 per cent. and in Waterbury only 27 per cent. Obviously in the fundamental elements of their population these cities are becoming foreign communities.

North Stonington Among the Declining Towns.

In 26 towns the deaths exceeded the births in 1908. These are towns in which the native stock is still dominant and in which the infusion of alien blood is the smallest.

In the rural town of Andover, for example, three on the birth list died during the year. All the births were of American parentage and all the deceased were American born. Of the 16 births which occurred in the farming town of North Stonington, in New London county, all were from Yankee born fathers and mothers, while 22 of the 25 decedents were native Americans. In North Branford, to cite one more illustration, eight of the 31 babies born during the year were of purely American parentage and 17 of the 19 persons who died were of native stock.

The extent of the shifting of imported blood and the shifting proportions of new racial elements are creating marked changes in the population and citizenship of Connecticut.

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ENJOINED

Cannot Proceed with the Building of New Schoolhouse on Land of Lawton Company—Building Was to Have Cost \$10,000.

Temporary injunction papers have been served on members of the Plainfield town school committee forbidding them to take further action looking to the erection of a new school building on the Lawton lot at Plainfield, until orders are received from the superior court which sits the first Tuesday of June next in Windham county. It is claimed that the school committee threatens and is now about to fix and determine a site for a school house in the village of Plainfield a piece of land other than that fixed as the site and purchased and paid for by the town of Plainfield.

The land which the school committee is about to fix and determine as such site is not the property of the town of Plainfield school district, but is the land and property of the Lawton Mills company, and the committee threatens and is about to proceed to erect a school house for the school district, and its expense, upon that land, notwithstanding the fact that it is not the land of the school district, but is the land of the Lawton Mills company and to pay for the erection and equipping of the building from the money and property of the town of Plainfield school district.

Henry Dorrance, Andrew J. Bitgood, Arthur C. Tillinghast and William P. Babcock secured the injunction. The building was to cost \$10,000.

SUIT FOR \$5,000

Over a Monument Which is Not What Was Ordered.

An interesting suit that is to be heard in the United States circuit court in this state is an action brought by Felix Angus, a business man of Baltimore, against J. Frank Salter, a granite and marble cutter of New London, for \$5,000 damages. Mr. Angus says that in 1906 Salter called upon him in Baltimore and sought a commission to erect a monument for him in a burial lot in Druid Ridge cemetery in Baltimore. He showed him, he alleges, photos of a replica of St. Gaudens' Adams memorial. Mr. Salter, it is alleged, claimed to have full authority from St. Gaudens to make a limited number of replicas of the bronze figure and Angus gave him an order for the monument. Now Angus claims that Salter had no authority, as he said he had, from St. Gaudens, and that the bronze figure he put on the monument was a spurious and fraudulent imitation of the figure on the Adams memorial. He has asked Salter to remove the monument and refund the money, \$3,900, he paid him for it.

New Station Agents.

The following appointments of new ticket and freight agents at stations on the New Haven road in Connecticut are announced:
R. A. Moggin, agent at Westchester, Midland division.
W. J. Gilbert, agent Navy Yard, Midland division.
J. A. McDonald, agent, Tafts, Midland division.
George C. Gunculus, ticket agent, Putnam, Midland division.

STAFFORD SPRINGS

Officers of Temple of Honor—Games Today with Storm Second Team.

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Noted Here and There.

A. W. Cady of Hartford was in town on business Friday.

J. F. Warren, Michael and Lot O'Halloran attended the K. of C. banquet in Willimantic Thursday evening.

There will be a meeting of the juniors auxiliary of Grace church with Miss Carolyn Brown this (Saturday) afternoon.

The high school baseball team will play the second team from Storrs college on the fair grounds this (Saturday) afternoon.

H. K. Lawson has almost completed the work of taking the census in the borough.

Town Clerk Marcus B. Plak expects that this will be an unusually busy day with him, as there are still many dogs to be licensed.

Infants' food form a considerable item of importation, \$41,000 worth in 1908.

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1 Hallet & Davis Upright, - - - cost new \$450
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\$6.50 value \$10.00	Women's and Misses' Coats, 50 and 52 inches long, of Wide Wide Diagonal—plaid, come Sample Coats—regular \$10.00 and \$12.50 values at \$6.50.	\$15.98 value \$22.50	20 Sample Suits in Misses' and Women's—only one of a kind—Coats are satin lined with Moire trimmings.
\$9.98 value \$12.50	Misses' Junior Coats, 45 and 48 inches long, made of Chevron cloth, in a variety of styles—regular \$12.50 Coats at \$9.98.	\$21.98 value \$27.50	Women's Plain Coat Suits, made with the new long show revers, also the new blouse effect—regular \$25.00 \$27.50 Suits at \$21.98.

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Men's Clothing—Men's Furnishings

At \$12.50	Today we offer a choice of every Men's \$15.00 Suit in our stock at \$12.50—fancy worsted, blue serge, etc.—this season's newest styles.	42c value 50c	Men's Black and White Striped Duck Shirts and Dark Colored Cheviot Working Shirts—regular 50c value at 42c.
At \$2.98	100 pairs of Men's high grade Trousers—sample pairs, scarcely two pairs alike—size 30 to 44 waist—regular \$4.00 Trousers at \$2.98 a pair.	42c value 50c	Men's Heavy Weight Blue Denim Overalls with bib—regular 50c value at 42c.
11c value 15c	Men's Seamless Half Hose, double heel and sole, in black and plain colors—regular 15c value at 11c.	39c value 50c	Men's Bathing Shirts and Drawers, the drawers have double welt—regular 50c value at 39c.
29c value 50c	Men's Imported Lisle and Cotton Hosiery in plain black and black with fancy silk embroidery—50c value at 29c.	42c value 50c	Men's Medium Weight Shirts and Drawers, fine quality extra ribbed—regular 50c value at 42c.
19c value 25c	Men's Police and Firemen's Suspenders, strong and serviceable—regular 25c value at 19c a pair.	69c value \$1.00	Men's fine quality Neckties, the "Eagle" Shirts with attached and detachable cuffs—these are slightly soiled—regular \$1.00 value at 69c.

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At 9c—Children's Fast Black, Ribbed Hosiery—value 12½c.	At 15c—Children's Brilliant Lisle Hosiery, in black and tan—value 25c.	At 9c—Women's Fast Black Seamless Hosiery, value 12½c.	At 11c—Women's Hosiery in lace, mercerized and in outsize—value 12½c and 15c.	At 16c—Women's Split Foot Seamless Hosiery, value 19c.	At 35c—Women's Fine Lisle Hosiery, also Mercerized—35c a pair, 3 for \$1.00.	At 38c—Women's Lace Lisle Hosiery, new patterns, value 50c.	At 44c—Women's Black Silk Gause Hosiery, value 60c.
At 15c—Infants' Ribbed Vests, long sleeves, sizes 1 to 4—value 19c.	At 25c—Boys' Bathing Shirts and Drawers, sizes 24 to 34.	At 9c—Women's Summer Weight Ribbed Vests, regular and outsize—value 12½c.	At 11c—Women's Ribbed Vests, short sleeves and sleeveless—value 15c.	At 14c—Women's Ribbed Vests, shaped, short sleeves—value 17c.	At 16c—Women's Ribbed Vests with mercerized silk tape—value 19c.	At 19c—Women's Ribbed Pants, knee trimmed—value 25c.	At 30c—Women's Union Suits, both sleeveless and with short sleeves—value 50c.

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